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For:

CARBON MATERIAL FOR BATTERY ELECTRODE AND PRODUCTION METHOD

AND USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 8, 2009 to February 12, 2010, February 8 to February 11, 2010 being days on which the United States Patent and Trademark Office were closed due to sever weather conditions and which were declared as a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195 and 2.196. Therefore, the Amendment filed concurrently herewith is timely filed on February 12, 2010.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$130.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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